

# Gender-based violence as a new area of crime under the EU Treaties\*

## Proposal

The European Parliament's proposal to criminalise gender-based violence (GBV) could be highly advantageous for the EU. The economic benefits alone would be around **€25 billion per year** in the short term and **€54 billion per year** in the longer term.

There are many other benefits we can't put a figure on, such as greater protection of **fundamental rights** and reduced **gender inequalities**. The overall benefits offered by the proposal could be boosted by EU action to expand the **mandate of equality bodies**, improve the **quality of survey and administrative data** and support **education and training**.

## European added value of the proposal

Coherent EU gender equality and anti-discrimination legislation	✓
Harmonised understanding and treatment of GBV across Member States	✓ ✓
Protection for victims	✓ ✓
Prevention of GBV	✓
Prosecution of perpetrators	✓ ✓

Source: Gender-based violence as a new area of crime listed under Article 83(1) TFEU, European Added Value Assessment, EPRS, 2021.

\*Article 83(1) TFEU